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SUBJECT: U.S. REDUCTIONS IN THAILAND

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1. ARTICLE REPORTED REFTEL IS LATEST STEP IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S EFFORT TO EXPLAIN THE RESIDUAL FORCE TO THE THAI PUBLIC BY STRESSING THAT INSTALLATIONS WILL BE TURNED OVER TO THE THAI, THE ONLY U.S. PERSONNEL REMAINING WILL BE "ADVISORS" AND "TRAINERS" OF THAI IN USING THE EQUIPMENT GIVEN TO RTG, AND THOSE TRAINERS WILL LEAVE AT SOME INDEFINITE TIME IN THE FUTURE.

2. THE THAI MIGHT BE PREPARING TO USE DOI INTHANON AS A START-TO-FINISH EXAMPLE OF THE EXPLANATION
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KHUKRIT IS GIVING. THE RTG KNOWS VERY WELL THAT

DOI INTHANON IS NOT NOW AND NEVER HAS BEEN AN
AMERICAN INSTALLATION. TO SUGGEST OTHERWISE,
HOWEVER, CAN SERVE THEM, BETWEEN NOW AND THE TIME
WHEN THE RADAR INSTALLATION IS COMPLETED AND THE
LAST AMERICAN LEAVES IN SUMMER 1976, AS A PUBLIC
AFFAIRS DEVICE TO ILLUSTRATE CONTINUING PROCESS
OF "TRAINING", TURNOVER OF INSTALLATIONS, AND
EVENTUAL DEPARTURE OF ALL U.S. ADVISORS AND
TRAINERS.
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